

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:24-cv-00042-RJC**

**THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY
CLAIMANTS,**

Appellant,

v.

ALDRICH PUMP LLC, ET AL

Appellees.

In re

ALDRICH PUMP LLC, ET AL

Debtors.

ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the Joint Motion of Appellant and Appellees to Defer Briefing on Appellant’s Motion for Leave to Appeal. (Doc. No. 4.)

On January 11, 2024, Appellant Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants (“Appellant”) filed a Notice of Appeal to this Court from an order of the Bankruptcy Court. (Doc. No. 1.) That same day, Appellant filed a Motion for Leave to Appeal. (Doc. No. 2). On January 17, 2024, Appellant filed a Request for Certification of Direct Appeal to the Court of Appeals (“Motion for Direct Appeal”). Also, on January 17, 2024, the parties filed the instant Joint Motion of Appellant and Appellee to Defer Briefing on Appellant’s Motion for Leave to Appeal.

Recognizing that rulings related to the Motions for Direct Appeal are unlikely

to occur before the parties and the Court expend considerable time and resources on the Motion for Leave and in order to proceed efficiently and avoid unnecessary expenditure of the parties' and the Court's time, the Joint Motion of Appellant and Appellees to Defer Briefing on Appellants Motion for Leave to Appeal is granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Joint Motion of Appellant and Appellees to Defer Briefing on Appellant's Motion for Leave to Appeal, (Doc. No. 4), is **GRANTED**;
2. Appellant shall file notice ("Deferral Termination Notice") on this Court's docket upon the occurrence of either the entry of a final order by the Bankruptcy Court denying the Motion for Direct Appeal or the entry of a final order by the Fourth Circuit denying a petition for appeal; and
3. Appellees shall submit their response to Appellant's Motion for Leave to Appeal, (Doc. No. 2), 14 days following the filing of the Deferral Termination Notice; and
4. Appellant shall submit any reply in support of their Motion for Leave no later than 14 days after Appellees file their response.

Signed: January 24, 2024



Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
United States District Judge

